

IN THE CLAIMS

The status of the claims as follows:

1. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method of playing a wagering game with at least two consecutive plays comprising:

placing at least one bet;

receiving at least one first set of symbols from which a rank may be determined in reading the symbols;

determining the rank of the first set of symbols;

comparing the first set of symbols to a payout table;

determining whether the rank of the first set of symbols exceeds a minimum rank in the payout table;

receiving at least a second set of symbols from which a rank may be determined without having placed an additional bet to the at least one bet;

determining the rank of the second set of symbols;

comparing the rank of the second set of symbols to a payout table;

determining whether the rank of said second set of symbols exceeds a minimum rank in the payout table;

resolving the at least one bet with respect to whether a) the first set of symbols exceeds a minimum rank in the payout table; b) the second set of symbols exceeds a minimum rank in the payout table; and c) both the first set of symbols and the second set of symbols exceed a minimum in the payout table.

2. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein the resolution of the bet with respect to whether the first set of symbols and the second set of symbols exceed a minimum rank in the payout table requires that the rank of both the first set of symbols and the second set of symbols both exceed a minimum rank in the payout table for the resolution of the bet on c) to provide a return on the bet.

3. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 2 wherein the minimum rank of the ranks of the first set of symbols and the second set of symbols determines the amount of any payout for resolution of the bet on c).

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method of playing a wagering game of cards with at least two consecutive hands of a card game being played comprising:

placing at least one bet;

receiving at least one first hand of cards from which a rank may be determined;

determining the rank of the first hand of cards;

comparing the first hand of cards to a payout table;

determining whether the rank of the first hand of cards exceeds a minimum rank in the payout table;

receiving at least a second hand of cards from which a rank may be determined without having placed an additional bet to the at least one bet;

determining the rank of the second hand of cards;

comparing the rank of the second hand of cards to a payout table;

determining whether the rank of said second hand of cards exceeds a minimum rank in the payout table;

resolving the at least one bet with respect to whether a) the first hand exceeds a minimum rank in the payout table; b) the second hand exceeds a minimum rank in the payout table; and c) both the first hand of cards and the second hand of cards exceed a minimum in the payout table.

5. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 4 wherein all hands are dealt from a deck of playing cards.

6. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 5 wherein the deck of playing cards is a standard deck of fifty-two cards.

7. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 4 wherein all ranks are determined as poker ranks.

8. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 5 wherein all ranks are determined as poker ranks.
9. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 6 wherein all ranks are determined as poker ranks.
10. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 4 wherein all minimum ranks are at least one pair.
11. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 5 wherein all minimum ranks are at least one pair.
12. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 4 wherein said at least one bet comprises three bets, one allocated towards a), one allocated towards b), and one allocated towards c).
13. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 10 wherein said at least one bet comprises three bets, one allocated towards a), one allocated towards b), and one allocated towards c).
14. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 11 wherein said at least one bet comprises three bets, one allocated towards a); one allocated towards b), and one allocated towards c).
15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method of playing a video wagering game with at least two consecutive hands of a card game being played comprising:
  - placing at least one bet;
  - receiving at least one first hand of cards from which a rank may be determined;
  - determining the rank of the first hand of cards;
  - comparing the first hand of cards to a payout table;
  - determining whether the rank of the first hand of cards exceeds a minimum rank in the payout table;

8. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 5 wherein all ranks are determined as poker ranks.
9. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 6 wherein all ranks are determined as poker ranks.
10. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 4 wherein all minimum ranks are at least one pair.
11. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 5 wherein all minimum ranks are at least one pair.
12. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 4 wherein said at least one bet comprises three bets, one allocated towards a), one allocated towards b), and one allocated towards c).
13. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 10 wherein said at least one bet comprises three bets, one allocated towards a), one allocated towards b), and one allocated towards c).
14. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 11 wherein said at least one bet comprises three bets, one allocated towards a), one allocated towards b), and one allocated towards c).
15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method of playing a video wagering game with at least two consecutive hands of a card game being played comprising:
  - placing at least one bet;
  - receiving at least one first hand of cards from which a rank may be determined;
  - determining the rank of the first hand of cards;
  - comparing the first hand of cards to a payout table;
  - determining whether the rank of the first hand of cards exceeds a minimum rank in the payout table;

receiving at least a second hand of cards from which a rank may be determined without having placed an additional bet to the at least one bet;  
determining the rank of the second hand of cards;  
comparing the rank of the second hand of cards to a payout table;  
determining whether the rank of said second hand of cards exceeds a minimum rank in the payout table;  
resolving the at least one bet with respect to whether a) the first hand exceeds a minimum rank in the payout table; b) the second hand exceeds a minimum rank in the payout table; and c) both the first hand of cards and the second hand of cards exceed a minimum in the payout table.

16. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 15 wherein all ranks are determined as poker ranks.

17. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 15 wherein said at least one bet comprises three bets, one allocated towards a), one allocated towards b), and one allocated towards c).

18. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 16 wherein said at least one bet comprises three bets, one allocated towards a), one allocated towards b), and one allocated towards c).

19. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 15 wherein the payout table comprises:

<u>Outcome</u>	<u>First Game</u>	<u>Second Hand</u>	<u>Parlay Bet</u>
Royal Flush	250	250	5,000
Straight Flush	50	50	5,000
Four Aces	160	160	5,000
Four 2's, 3's, or 4's	80	80	5,000
Four 5's - Kings	50	50	5,000
Full House	10	10	400

Flush	7	7	100
Straight	5	5	50
Three-of-a-kind	3	3	9
Two Pair	1	1	5
One Pair	1	1	3

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method of playing a wagering game of poker comprising:

- a) a player wagering on a first game of poker;
- b) the player playing said first game of poker;
- c) determining if the player wins the first game of poker;
- d) if the player wins the first game of poker with a hand exceeding an at least predetermined rank, providing the player with an opportunity to play a second game of poker without placing further wagers; and
- e) if the player attains a hand in the second game of poker that also exceeds said predetermined rank, a payout is achieved for a) the rank of the first poker hand, b) the rank of the second poker hand, and c) the occurrence of both the first poker hand and the second poker hand exceeding a specific rank.

21. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 20 wherein a side bet must be placed to allow the player to receive the bonus payout and the side bet must be wagered prior to step a).

22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method of playing a wagering game comprising:  
 placing at least a one part bet;  
 playing a first wagering game segment whose game outcome depends at least in part upon the random selection of game symbols;  
 comparing a first segment game outcome to the rules of the game to determine if a payout is associated with the first segment game outcome;  
 playing at least a second wagering game segment whose outcome depends at least in part upon the random selection of game symbols without placing further wagers; and

comparing a second segment game outcome to the rules of the game to determine if a payout is associated with the second segment game outcome;

awarding the player a first payout when the first segment game outcome is determined to be a winning outcome;

awarding the player a second payout when the at least a second game outcome is determined to be a winning outcome; and

when consecutively played first and at least second game segments both have winning outcomes, paying the player a third payout for the consecutive winning outcomes without having placed further wagers other than the at least a one part bet.

**23. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method of playing a wagering game comprising:**

a player placing a wager comprising at least one part to participate in the wagering game;

playing a first wagering game segment whose game outcome depends at least in part upon chance;

comparing a first segment game outcome to the rules of the game to determine if a payout is a winning outcome;

playing a second wagering game segment whose outcome is based at least in part on chance without placing further wagers in addition to the wager comprising at least one part; and

comparing the outcome of the second segment game to the rules of the game to identify whether the outcome is a winning outcome; and

awarding the player a separate payout for winning outcomes of the first wagering segment game and winning outcomes of the second wagering segment game, and where there are consecutive winning outcomes for the first wagering segment game and the second wagering segment game, awarding the player a third payout without placing further wagers in addition to the wager comprising at least one part.

24. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 23 wherein the first and second wagering segment games are identical games.

25. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 24 wherein the first and second wagering segment games are poker.

26. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 24 wherein the first and second wagering segment games are reel slot games.

27. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 23 wherein the rules of the wagering game require that the player's outcome must outrank a dealer's outcome to have a winning outcome for the player.

28. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 23 wherein the rules of the games of the first and second wagering segment games includes a plurality of ranked outcomes, and wherein the third payout is based on the lowest ranking outcome of the first and second wagering segment games.

29. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 23 wherein the bet is a three part bet.

30. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 28 wherein all parts are equal

31. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method of playing a wagering game with at least two consecutive plays required in each game comprising:

placing a first bet;  
receiving at least one first set of symbols from which a rank may be determined in reading the symbols;  
determining the rank of the first set of symbols;  
comparing the first set of symbols to a first payout table;

determining whether the rank of the first set of symbols exceeds a minimum rank in the first payout table;

receiving at least a second set of symbols from which a rank may be determined;

determining the rank of the second set of symbols;

comparing the rank of the second set of symbols to a second payout table;

determining whether the rank of said second set of symbols exceeds a minimum rank in the second payout table;

resolving the first bet with respect to whether a) the first set of symbols exceeds a minimum rank in the first payout table; b) the second set of symbols exceeds a minimum rank in the second payout table; and c) both the first set of symbols and the second set of symbols exceed a minimum in a third payout table.

32. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 31 wherein the first bet is the only bet.

33. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 31 wherein the first payout table and the second payout table are the same.

34. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 33 wherein the third payout table is different from the first payout table and the second payout table.

35. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 31 wherein the first payout table and the second payout table are different.

36. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 32 wherein the first payout table and the second payout table are the same.

37. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 36 wherein the third payout table is different from the first payout table and the second payout table.